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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. These documents have been cited in an Office Action in a corresponding Japanese application. One copy of each of the listed documents is attached.

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Documents FA and FB are not in the English language. However, the concise explanation of the relevance of the documents under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 is believed to be satisfied by the submission of English language abstracts thereof.

The documents cited in the Japanese office action but not included with the present statement, JP 07-047152 and JP 09-277420, were submitted to the Office with an Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 23, 2005.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 111833 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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